

### T-L Merchants Lose to Sunset In 13th Canto

A pitchers' duel that went 13 innings before it was finally settled gave fans attending the Torrance-Los Angeles Merchants' game last Sunday at the city park diamond a full afternoon of thrills. The Sunset crew won, 4-0, scoring their tallies from the same number of base hits in the 13th canto.

Ripley Hamilton was the T-L club's strong man on the mound. After allowing but seven well-scattered blows for the first 12 frames, Hamilton weakened and the invaders jumped on his offerings to hammer out their win. Davis, Sunset hurler, continued his shut-out work in the final inning to clinch the engagement.

Richfield Next Sunday Markham and Hamilton set the battling pace for the local team, setting two hits each while Stevens was tops for the visitors, getting four out of six. Both teams played bang-up ball until the final out. Sensational fielding cut off scoring chances in almost every frame. Olsen's and J. Venable's fielding stood out for the T-L Merchants.

Three good games in as many weeks have been arranged by Manager Walt Morris of the Merchants. Next Sunday the Richfield Oil nine will come here and on following Sundays the R.K.O. and Goodyear Rubber clubs will be seen in action at the local diamond.

### Horseshoe Tourney Set for March 5

The horseshoe pitching contest which was to have been held next Saturday has been postponed by city Recreation leaders until March 5 at 1 o'clock. Entrance fees will be 25 cents for singles, 50 cents for doubles. Entries are now being taken at the Recreation office at the city park ball field. Prizes are to be awarded from the money taken in.

## The Herald's Sport Page

### Paxman-Gardena Tied at End of First Cage Round

With Paxman's Hardward team and the Gardena firemen's quintet tied for first honors, the first half of the Torrance Merchants' Basketball League ended last Thursday. The lead-ers will stage a playoff for the right to contest with the winner of the second half for the mythical championship of the city.

Paxman's and the Gardena firemen each won eight games, tied two. In second place was National Home Appliance with five wins, five losses. National Supply ranked third with three wins, six defeats; Merrill's night school squad was fourth with three wins, seven losses and Johnny Parker's A. & P. team held the cellar position with two wins, seven defeats.

Here are the first games of the second half, results of recent games and the first standings of the second frame:

**GAMES TONIGHT:**  
Natl' Supply vs. Nat'l Home A. & P. vs. Paxman's

**GAMES NEXT THURSDAY:**  
A. & P. vs. Nat'l Supply  
Natl' Home vs. Merrill's  
Paxman's at Gardena

**RESULTS TUESDAY NIGHT:**  
Paxman's 32; Supply 26  
A. & P. 22; Merrill's 19  
Gardena 40; Nat'l Home 38

**RESULTS LAST THURSDAY:**  
Merrill's won a forfeited game because of the non-appearance of the National Supply team.  
Paxman's 43; Nat'l Home 37  
Gardena 54; A. & P. 46

**HOW THEY STAND—2nd Half:**

Team	W	L
Merrill's	1	0
Paxman's	1	0
Gardena	1	0
Natl' Supply	0	1
Natl' Home	0	1
A. & P.	0	1

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### TARTARS DROP HARDBALL; WILL TAKE ON ALL COMERS

Hardball has been dropped from the list of sports at Torrance high school.

In place of America's national pastime, school authorities have substituted the more popular—at least in Southern California—softball.

Coach Roy Cochran who favors the speedier softball game over the traditional diamond sport, said this week that the Tartar nine will compete as a free-range unit, taking on all comers.

**Other Marine League Schools:**  
Narbonne, San Pedro, Gardena and El Segundo will stay with hardball this year but most, if not all, of them will adopt the game that revolves around the use of a 12-inch in seam ball, next season, Cochran said.

Efforts to get Torrance in the Pacific league for the softball season failed this week when the Los Angeles city schools athletic advisory board produced several technicalities which forbid this. The Tartars' first game as a free-range team will be next Tuesday, Feb. 22, when they play at South Gate.

On March 1 they will entertain Jordan here and on the 22nd of next month will go to Jordan for a return game. Cochran also hopes to have games with Dorsey, Los Angeles Poly, and Washington lined up within a few days. He expects to match his Tartar softballers against seven or 10 other teams this spring.

The 12-inch ball permits fast play and the game has all of the thrills of the regulation hardball game without the latter's greater expense for equipment.

As Cochran views it, softball playing is no barrier to a boy who has aspirations of entering the big leagues of baseball.

Altho the underhanded delivery is essential in pitching, all other aspects of the softball game are the same as hardball. Bats are only slightly smaller than the regulation clubs used in the traditional brand of the diamond sport.

### Winter Sports at Peak Now

With prospects of clearing weather and open, dry roads over the coming week-end, the Southern California mountain areas will offer skiing, slating and tobogganing enthusiasts ample opportunity for snow sports under ideal conditions, according to a report compiled by the Winter Sports committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce. Altho most areas now report favorable road and weather conditions, all motorists to the mountain playgrounds are advised to carry chains, as a safety precaution.

Big Pines Recreation Camp reports 40 inches of snow at the main camp, 48 inches at Blue Ridge, and 45 inches at Table Mountain. The snow is well packed, and excellent for skiing and sledding. Skating will also be good this week-end unless rain intervenes.

Keller Peak now has 30 inches of well packed snow, ideal for skiing, and the new ski lift is operating at maximum efficiency. The principal event next Saturday and Sunday at Keller Park will be the Southern California Inter-collegiate Ski Meet, with students from all major colleges participating.

At Arrowhead the ground is covered with 4 to 5 inches of snow, providing good skiing and tobogganing, and the skating rink is also expected to be in use. At Snow Crest, near Camp Baldy, there are 8 inches of solid snow, the toboggan slides are in use daily, and the ski slopes beyond Snow Crest are reported in excellent condition.

Idyllwild reports 6 to 8 inches of snow in Fern Valley, and 12 inches or more at Pine Grove, with good skiing at both points. The toboggan slide is also in use.

### Girls' Playground Awaits Equipment at High School

Recent rains proved that the new girls' playground at the high school is flood-proof. But the storms have delayed installation of several new pieces of equipment for that field, which is 190 by 250 feet in size, according to Principal Thomas Elson.

The playground was laid out, surfaced and fenced in before the heavy rains started. When the new apparatus is set up, Torrance high school will have one of the finest recreational areas for girls in the entire Los Angeles city school system, Elson said.

### TORRANCE HIGH LIGHTS . . . by Madalyn Pinkham

**POSTURE WEEK . . .** In the near future, Miss Duncan will conduct a posture week at T. H. S. Posters and pictures showing faults in posture will be on display in the main hall and two skeletons will hang from the blackboard in the gymnasium. A posture motion picture will also be shown.

**ANNUAL THEME . . .** "Popular Songs" will be the theme of the 1938 annual. The cover will have a black linen base with another color blended in. A new feature this year will be individual pictures of the Juniors as well as the Seniors.

**WINS AWARD . . .** Townsend Conover was the first student from T. H. S. to ever win the Bausch & Lomb Science award.

**SCHOLARSHIP . . .** Students making the Scholarship Society last semester were: Muriel Alverson, Carl Andrews, Elizabeth Anthony, Van Ness Barnard, Dorothy Jean Craig, Jimmy Dowell, Arlyss Fossum, Bernard Friedman, Jean Howe, Harold Korber, Robert Kirkland, Doris Kresse, Marvin Lee, Coral Lindeman, LeFona Long, Pearl Lowndy, Alma McHenry, Lorraine Miles, Tomiye Nagayama, Ruth Norman, Peggy Olsen, Marjorie Page, Patty Post, Norrine Schroeder, Norma Seematter, Marian Thompson, Virginia Trailer and Arthur Woodcock.

**HAWAIIAN EXCHANGE . . .** One of the exchange papers on the Torrance high list is the Hana School News from Hawaii. Mrs. Charlene Allen, formerly of the English department at Torrance is now teaching at the Hana School at Maui, Hawaii.

### Harbor C. C.'s Back Highway Extension Plan

Endorsement of the plan pending before the board of supervisors wherein the county proposes to purchase right of way to extend Roosevelt Highway southerly through Venice and Del Rey along the ocean front was conveyed to the board this week in a letter from the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce.

The chamber has been working for a complete seashore highway in the county since 1916, the letter stated. Proposal to route the highway thru Santa Monica, Venice and Del Rey would be beneficial not only to the harbor district but to the entire county by providing easy and rapid ingress and egress to and from the beaches, the letter stated.

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### Police Benefit Wins Approval

Only a few seats in the Civic Auditorium were unoccupied last Friday night when the Torrance Police Relief association presented its first annual vaudeville benefit show. The 12 acts staged were top-notch entertainment and all performers received merited applause. Feature attraction of the evening, the singing of the Peter Sisters of radio and screen fame, did not overshadow the other acts.

Police Chief G. M. Calder, delighted at the support given the officers' benefit, expressed his appreciation for the excellent box office returns which will be used for welfare and relief work by the department. Chief Calder said that every member of the force joins him in thanking those who bought tickets for their patronage.

### Clayton Elected Compton Jaycee Tennis Captain

Jack Clayton, of this city, has been elected captain of Compton Junior college's tennis team. He is regarded as one of the Tartars' outstanding players. Clayton is a member of the Torrance Tennis club and has participated in a number of matches entered by that group during the past few months.

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